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For: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF PRICE TO SATISFY CERTAIN BUSINESS OBJECTIVES**

Application Elements:

- ☒ 25 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 18 Sheets of Drawings
- ☒ 02 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of **\$40.00** enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Small Entity Status- Statement no longer required.
- ☒ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:

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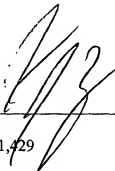
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	John R. Abe
Title	System, Method and Computer Program Product for the Optimization of Price to Satisfy Certain Business Objectives
Atty Docket Number	ABEIP001

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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